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November 25, 1966

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JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

On November 10, 1966, a confidential source abroad made available the following information:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN, born August 2, 1924, at New York, New York, and in possession of U. S. passport No. 440042, issued on August 2, 1965, at the U. S. Consulate, Berlin, Germany, arrived in Istanbul, Turkey, by ship on March 29, 1966. BALDWIN departed from Turkey on October 18, 1966, from the Istanbul airport on Air France flight No. 615, for an undisclosed destination. (X) u F-2

During his stay in Turkey, BALDWIN resided with ENGIN CEZZAR; Ayaspasa Saray Arkasi 32/3, Istanbul, and was not known to be involved in any suspect activity. (X) u

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RE:

*James Arthur Baldwin*

☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action

☐ The enclosed is for your information. ☐ paraphrase contents ☐ correct  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-146553)

DATE: December 6, 1966

FROM : Director, FBI (62-108763)

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SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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REGISTERED MAIL  
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Enclosed is certain foreign language material:  
u Article from "YENI GAZETE," Turkish newspaper,  
as described in a letter from Legat, Rome, dated 11/25/66,  
copy of which is attached.

This material should be processed as indicated below:  
Full translation.

Following disposition should be made of enclosure and  
translation:

Both to the Bureau, attention FBI Annex. Please  
prepare one bond, three thins, and one yellow.

If the results of your review are not furnished the Seat of  
Government, in accordance with instructions set forth above, then the  
office initiating the request, to which translation is made available  
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Looking at New York from Istanbul

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James Baldwin Finishes His Book In Hisar

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In The Vefik Pasha Library the Negro Writer  
Pursues His People's Cause

In an old wooden building - circa 1800 - in an  
alley in Rumeli Hisar we found the noted American negro writer  
scent on his typewriter absorbed in his work so that he did not  
notice our entry.

The house, right in the middle of a large green  
garden, belongs to Vehik Pasha. From it one can see the  
entire strait of the Bosphorus which is why the writer had  
rented it.

The story of James Baldwin's decision to settle in  
Istanbul is quite old. Baldwin had met Engin Cezzar in New  
York and a friendship had developed. Sometime later Baldwin  
had come to Turkey to visit his friend. After that the  
visit was repeated every year. After five such visits Baldwin  
had settled in Istanbul in March of 1966.

Interrupting his work for a few minutes Baldwin told  
us of his intention of writing about his life in New York.  
"Such a book cannot be written in the noise and tumult of New  
York", the writer said, adding that big city life bothers  
him. At the same time, without truly knowing a place, merely  
looking in from outside cannot work either.

The writer likes Istanbul for the following reasons.  
First of all he can be alone and relax much better. (Of course  
friends who love to visit him will make it difficult).

"If you decide to settle in Turkey permanently,  
would you chose Istanbul?", to this his answer was:

"Under the circumstances it cannot be a matter of  
preference. In the white-black conflicts in my country I  
must contribute my share by returning to America. To settle  
here permanently would be running away which I cannot do."

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To help solve the white and black question in his country the writer gives interviews, holds conferences, writes articles and makes speeches. Before coming to Turkey Baldwin had been energetically active. He believes in hard work. His professional and social life is very complex and jumbled up, said the noted writer. *X/u*

What draws Baldwin to Istanbul and to Turkey is the people. He admires the warmth and liveliness of the Turkish people. *X/u*

After finishing his book the author will return to America. *X/u*

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Director, FBI (62-108763)

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November 25, 1966

Legat, Rome (100-1417) (RUC)

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM - C

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ReBulet to the Director, Central Intelligence  
Agency, dated 11/2/66, enclosing New York LHM dated 10/17/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau is Form FD-350 with news-  
paper clipping from the 10/27/66, issue of the Turkish  
language newspaper, "YENI GAZETE," published daily in  
Istanbul, Turkey, which was made available by [REDACTED]

on 11/10/66. Also enclosed is [REDACTED] containing information  
made available by [REDACTED] on that date, and which  
information was classified confidential (S) U

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The Bureau may be desirous of translating the  
enclosed clipping and making a copy of the translation  
available to the New York office and Legat, Rome.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

12/23/66

SAC, WFO (100-43011) (RUC)

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to the Bureau, 10/17/66, requesting WFO to review passport records.

By letter dated 2/19/64, WFO reported a review of subject's passport record on 2/7/64. The records of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., were reviewed by IC [REDACTED] on 11/14/66, for any additional pertinent information. b7c-1

According to the above files, BALDWIN was issued passport number Z-448042 on 8/2/65 at Berlin, Germany, indicating on the application that he intended to return to the United States to reside permanently within two years. This passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Vietnam under communist control.

The following background information was obtained from the application dated 8/2/65 at Berlin, Germany:

Name:	JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN
Date of Birth:	August 2, 1924, New York, New York
Height:	Five feet six inches
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and marks:	None

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② - New York (100-146553) (RM)

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Occupation:

Parents:

Marital Status:

Permanent residence:

Mailing address:

Person to notify in  
an emergency:

Writer

DAVID BALDWIN, born about 1878, New Orleans, Louisiana, and BERDIS EMMA JONES, born December 25, 1902, Deals Island, Maryland.

Never married

137 West H Street, New York, New York

470 West End Avenue, New York, New York

Mr. DAVID BALDWIN, 9-13 West 110th Street, New York, New York

The subject's file at the Security Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., was made available for review on 12/4/66, and was reviewed by SA [REDACTED] that same date. This file contains copies of New York (FBI) reports dated 12/11/63, 3/26/64, 4/6/65, and 4/13/66. No other pertinent information was noted therein.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108653)  
ATTENTION: FBI ANNEX

12/15/66

SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553)

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C

TRANSLATION MATTERS  
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ReBulet 12/6/66, forwarding an article from "YENI  
GAZETE", Turkish newspaper, as described in a letter from  
Legat, Rome, dated 11/25/66.

The New York Office is herewith returning to the  
Bureau, attention FBI Annex, the above-mentioned material,  
together with the specified copies of the translation.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM : SA [REDACTED]  
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Brief description of activity or material

Meeting of Club #1, West Side Section  
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Tuesday,  
November 15, 1966  
New York, N.Y. *JALW*

A meeting of the Communist Party's West Side Club #1 was held on Monday evening, November 14, at the residence of [REDACTED] It began at 8:50 p.m. and ended shortly before 11 p.m. Present [REDACTED] *b7c-4*

SYLVIA collected dues, and sold tickets to a "rally to end Vietnam war" being sponsored by SANE on Thursday, December 8, at Madison Square Garden. She said she had gotten the tickets from LUCILLE MANNIS of the West Side Committee on Vietnam. SYLVIA added that she had received from MAX MANNIS a "sizable contribution" to the fund to repair the "Worker" building, which he had volunteered. *(X)u*

After DAVID sold some literature, a discussion of the election returns followed. ROSE, among others, expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the way HERBERT APTHEKER's campaign had been run; he had picked a manager just because he was a Negro, she said, instead of turning to the professional help of the Party. She said that she would report on her trip to the Soviet Union at the next meeting, noting that she had been quite disappointed with a number of things--the poor quality of the toilet paper in particular. She also tried to collect signatures for a petition, attributed to JAMES BALDWIN, in support of the "Harlem Six". *(X)u*

KARL noted that he had visited the previous week by two F.B.I. agents, but had told them that he did not wish to speak to them and had refused them entrance. *(X)u*

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New York, New York  
January 18, 1967

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James Arthur Baldwin

A confidential source advised on December 23, 1966, that Flight 615, Air France from Istanbul, Turkey, terminates at Paris, France. The source checked passenger manifests of all logical connecting flights from Paris, France, to New York, New York, for the period from October 18, 1966, to October 20, 1966, and advised that James Baldwin did not travel to New York, on any of these flights.

On December 20, 1966, a pretext interview with Robert Lantz, 111 West 51st Street, New York City, was conducted in an attempt to locate James Arthur Baldwin. Mr. Lantz who is Mr. Baldwin's agent advised that Mr. Baldwin had not returned to the United States. Mr. Lantz would not divulge his address.

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New York, New York

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Reference is made to the communication of  
Special Agent [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above,  
at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.



DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553) (C)

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

ReBuFD-4, dated 12/6/66, with attached LHM, dated 11/25/66.

The confidential source employed in the enclosed LHM is [REDACTED] Air France, JFK International Airport, NY, NY, conceal at his request.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and eight copies of LHM, and for Legat, Paris, one copy of same.

The pretext interview referred to was a telephone call made by SA [REDACTED] under the guise of a member of a peace organization soliciting a statement from JAMES BALDWIN.

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Legat, Rome (100-1417) (RUC)

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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ReRomelet 11/25/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and the New York  
office are two copies each of a self-explanatory  
letter from Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD B. JOSEPH,  
Commander, Office of Special Investigations (OSI),  
Ankara, Turkey, made available on January 9, 1967.  
This enclosure is undated and is classified  
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*Liberator*, a monthly, has a circulation of 1,000. It is published by the Negro American News Service, which says it had a circulation of 2,000 in 1964. Mr. Watts said he had received 100,000 letters of protest on the anti-Semitism.

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Actor Ossie Davis and author James Baldwin spoke out today against Negro anti-Semitism.

Why take refuge in the most ancient and barbaric of the European myths? asked Baldwin. I think it is most distinctly unhelpful and I think it is immoral to blame Harlem on the Jew.

Both Baldwin and Davis wrote letters (published today by Freedomways, which is described as a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement) criticizing an article published a year ago in Liberator, a Negro monthly.

In the article "Semitism in the Black Ghetto," author Eddie Ellis charged Jews with exploiting Harlem. Davis and Baldwin have resigned from the magazine's advisory board over the anti-Semitism issue.

In his letter, Davis wrote: "Mr. Ellis says all these activities are part of a Zionist plan to make Negroes scapegoats instead of themselves. But where the hell is the proof?"

## Unsupported Contentions

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In a war against all exploiters and oppressors I am an ally. But

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Commenting on the letters, a spokesman for the American Jewish Committee called them "welcome evidence of militant Negro intellectuals who are fighting valiantly against the anti-Semitism not only of the Klan but also of some Negroes."

Dan Watts, the editor of the Liberator, replied to the charges today by saying:

"The articles were not anti-Semitic. They were valid in the sense that the dilemma of the ghetto is: How do we differenti-

ate between the Jewish community that supports the civil rights movement and the shopkeeper on 125th St. who hides behind the fact that he may be Jewish?"

"When you confront the shopkeepers with the fact that they are exploiting us, they say: 'Look, I understand your problem. I've been persecuted too.'"

"Then you look at them, the overcharging, the shoddy goods."

"We say to them: Don't con out by pointing out that you give \$10 to the NAACP. That is not going to save 125th St. from going up in flames."

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# Baldwin, Davis Hit Out At Negro Anti-Semitism

Writer James Baldwin and actor-playwright Ossie Davis issued sharp condemnations this week of Negro anti-Semitism.

In letters published in the winter issue of Freedomways, a quarterly journal of Negro affairs, Baldwin, writing from Turkey, and Davis from New Rochelle, took vigorous exception to a series of articles which appeared in the February 1966 issue of the Liberator, a Negro monthly.

Both Baldwin and Davis resigned from the Liberator's advisory board when the maga-

zine's editor, Dan (Daniel H.) Watts rejected their requests that he publish their letters protesting the magazine's anti-Semitic leaning.

The resignations were disclosed by the American Jewish Committee which released copies of the letters Baldwin and Davis had sent to Freedomways.

Watts said he had Davis's resignation and that he had been

"forced to quit because of economic pressure by Jews." He said he had received no notice of Baldwin's resignation but added that "If his white friends say so, I suppose it's so."

Watts also admitted refusing to print the Davis letter explaining that Davis "never contributed an article; he was always

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The series which led to the breakaway was authored by Eddie Ellis, a former reporter for the now-defunct Citizens Call, and appeared early in 1966 under the title "Semitism in the Ghetto."

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"I think it is most distinctly unhelpful, and I think it is immoral to blame Harlem on the Jew," wrote Baldwin. "For a man of Editor Dan Watts' experience, it is incredibly naive." Baldwin subsequently characterized anti-Semitism as "the most ancient and barbaric of European myths."

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On March 29, 1967, [REDACTED]  
137 West 71st Street, New York, New York, was interviewed  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a LHM.

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This letter is being submitted in lieu of a report  
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6. ☐ This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)

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9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

of subject's outspoken stand on the civil rights issue, his current prominence as an author and the inflammatory nature of his writings, which show him to be a dangerous individual who would be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense interests of the US in the time of a national emergency.

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Temporary, Turkey

Employment: Self employed Writer from residence

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Labor Union Affiliation:

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The editorial page of this issue lists the following as the members of the editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
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The footnote to the article by ESTHER MERLE JACKSON states that she is now "Visiting Professor of Dramatic Literature at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina." It states further that she had been the chairman of Drama and Speech at Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as the Educational Director of the Shakespeare Festival in New York City.

The footnote to the article by JOHN PITTMAN describes him as a resident of San Francisco, who had a previous article on San Francisco in the Fall 1964 issue of "Freedomways."

The footnote to the article by DONALD WHEELDIN describes him as a West Coast journalist and author.

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The footnote to the article by JOSEPH BOSKIN describes him as an associate professor of history and co-director of the American Studies Program at the University of Southern California.

This issue of "Freedomways" contains a reprint of the "statement of ownership, management and circulation" of the magazine which was filed on 10/1/66, as provided by law. This statement lists the owner of the publication as Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, Room 544, 799 Broadway, New York, New York. The stockholders are listed as CYRIL PHILIP, DOROTHY BURNHAM and Doctor CALVIN H. SINNETTE, all of Room 544, 799 Broadway, New York, New York.

The section of this magazine devoted to comments on some of the contributors is set forth under the heading "Among Our Contributors," and these comments are as follows:

BESSIE HEAD (Tao) is a South African writer who is now teaching in Botswana, formerly Bechuanaland. Her short stories and articles have been published in "The African Review," "The New African" and other publications.

JAMES BALDWIN (Anti-Semitism and Black Power) is the internationally famous essayist, novelist, playwright.

OSSIE DAVIS (Anti-Semitism and Black Power) is the actor and writer, whose last article in "Freedomways" was "The Significance of Lorraine Hansberry" in the Summer 1965 issue.

AARON KRAMER (To The People of Vietnam) has over 10 books of poetry to his credit.

BRIGID VILSICK (Ghetto) is a Missouri college student majoring in Spanish.

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HAYWOOD BURNS (Black Oracle) is author of the "Voices of Negro Protest in America."

Book Reviewers:

LOYLE HAIRSTON (A Man of the People) is a New York writer whose book reviews appear regularly in the pages of "Freedomways."

BERYLE BANFIELD (Our Children Are Dying) is Assistant Principal of I.S. 201 in New York and was formerly Assistant to Dr. ELLIOTT SHAPIRO.

Dr. OAKLEY JOHNSON (Negro Protest Thought in America and Gideon's Army) has been teacher, writer and civil rights activist for many years.

ERNEST KAISER (American Negro Short Stories) is on the staff of the Schomburg Collection, New York City Library and a Contributing Editor of "Freedomways."

JOHN HENRY JONES (Hog Butcher) has also written the article, "Revolt in the Ghetto" in this issue of "Freedomways."

The following enclosures are being sent with copies of this letter:

One photostat of the article by ESTHER MERLE JACKSON to Charlotte,

One photostat of the poem by BRIGID VILSICK to Kansas City,

One copy each of the articles by JOSEPH BOSKIN and DONALD WHEELDIN to Los Angeles,

One photostat of the article by JOHN PITMAN to San Francisco.

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Los Angeles is requested to furnish New York with a current characterization of DONALD WHEELDIN.

San Francisco is requested to furnish New York with a current characterization of JOHN PITTMAN.

A copy of the Winter 1967 issue of "Freedomways" is maintained in the library of the New York Office.



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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The United States charged with war crimes in Viet Nam, went on "trial" symbolically under the glare of an interracial and international panel of "judges" and before 200 journalists and 250 guests.

THE "International War Crimes Tribunal" is the idea of Britain's Lord Bertrand Russell, famed mathematician, philosopher and humanitarian. Called "eccentric" and a "maverick intellectual" because he always has cried out against man's inhumanity to man, Lord Russell's message to the unique gathering here charged?

The world is numbed by the arrogant brutality of the

United States government.

He declared that "the sordid military machine which rules Washington is rearing itself for greater destruction in a fever of frustration over the humiliating defeats inflicted on her occupying armies in South Viet Nam, the United States government in hysteria and hate boasts of its intent and its intent is evil."

THE 84-YEAR-old philosopher, mathematician said there is "overwhelming evidence" of daily "crimes without precedent" perpetrated by the U.S. against the people in Viet Nam.

"We investigate in order to expose. We document in order to indict. We arouse

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consciousness in order to create mass resistance," he said.

Among the panel members for the scheduled 10-day hearings are three Americans: James Baldwin, noted writer; Stokely Carmichael, chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and David Dellinger, editor of *Liberator* magazine.

OTHER well-known persons connected with the tribunal — characterized as a board investigating the war — include German-Swedish writer, Peter Weiss, author of "Marat de Sade," who welcomed delegates on behalf of the Swedish or-

ganizing committee; Jean Paul Sartre, French existentialist philosopher, who refused a Nobel prize; Vladimir Dedier, Yugoslav writer; Laurent Schwartz, French mathematician; Isaac Deutscher, Polish-born authority on the Soviet Union, and Lawrence Daly, secretary general of the Scottish Mineworkers Union.

Lord Russell, who did not attend the opening because of illness, remembered that the French government halted plans to have the tribunal in Paris. He said the de Gaulle government "exposes itself before the world as a pathetic citadel of hypocrisy."

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and shamelessness."

The preliminary agenda scheduled a number of questions including:

"HAS THE United States government (and the governments of Australia, New Zealand and South Korea) committed acts of aggression according to international law?"

"Has the American Army made use of or experimented with new weapons forbidden by the laws of

war (gas, special chemical products, napalm, etc.)?"

"Has there been bombardment of targets of a purely civilian character, for example, hospitals, schools, dams, etc., and on what scale has this occurred?"

"HAVE FORCED labor camps been created, has there been deportation of the population and (acts) which can be characterized judicially as acts of genocide?"

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Pretext employed on 12/20/66, was a telephone call by a member of a peace organization attempting to contact JAMES BALDWIN for a statement.

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5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
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(state reason) because information furnished by NY T-4 was so-classified, in letters dated 4/28/67 and 5/9/67, which is included in this report.
7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) Not interviewed  
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of subject's outspoken stand on the civil rights' issue, his current prominence as an author and the inflammatory nature of his writings which show him to be a dangerous individual, who would be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense interests of the United States in the time of a national emergency.

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JAMES BALDWIN, presently writing in Turkey, maintains a permanent residence at Apartment B, 137 West 71st Street, New York City. Subject wrote a letter that was published in "Freedomways" in the Winter of 1967. Foreign travel and additional background information set out. Other confidential informants were unable to furnish any additional information.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

On March 29, 1967, [REDACTED] 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York, was interviewed under a suitable pretext and advised that JAMES BALDWIN continues to maintain an apartment, Number B, in that building as his residence, but is still in Turkey working on a book.

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## II. AFFILIATION WITH SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The "New York Times", a newspaper of general circulation in the New York area, reported on February 28, 1967, that JAMES BALDWIN and OSSIE DAVIS had severed connections with the "Liberator", the black nationalist magazine, in protest against the publications of articles described as anti-Semitic. These severances had been directed to "Freedomways" magazine by separate communications from BALDWIN and DAVIS, and published therein.

NY T-6, during the latter part of 1963, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA). b7c-4

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

## III. FOREIGN TRAVEL

NY T-1 advised on October 11, 1966, that JAMES BALDWIN had moved from Apartment 6, 470 West End Avenue, New York City, to 137 West 71st Street, New York City. This source also advised that JAMES BALDWIN recently left for and was traveling in Turkey and was in the process of writing a book in that country.

NY T-2 advised on November 10, 1966, that JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN, born August 2, 1924, at New York, New York, and in possession of United States Passport Number 440042, issued on August 2, 1965, at the United States Consulate, Berlin, Germany, arrived at Istanbul, Turkey, by ship on March 29, 1966. BALDWIN departed from Turkey on 10/18/66, from Istanbul, on Air France, Flight Number 615, for an undisclosed destination. (X)U

During his stay in Turkey, BALDWIN resided with ENJIN CEZZAR, Ayaspaşa Saray Arkaal 32/3, Istanbul, Turkey. (X)U